

MEXICO INDEPENDENT

MEXICO, THURSDAY, JUNE 25, 1874.

News of the Week.

The American pilgrims have left Rome for rest and recreation. The state editorial convention closed Thursday, after visiting Niagara Falls. The republicans of Maine in state convention, Thursday, renominated Nelson Dingley, jr., for Governor. The platform adopted favored an immediate commencement of return to specie payments and endorsed the President's veto of the currency bill.

The National Butter and Egg Convention at Indianapolis, Thursday, adopted resolutions recommending the establishment of an inspection system by which responsibility for inferior goods may be located, and that butter be classed solely with regard to quality and not with reference to the locality of production.

The House Pacific railroad committee, on Friday, refused to appoint a committee to investigate the affairs of the Central Pacific railroad. The government of New Brunswick introduced a free, non-sectarian school act, which, being made a question at the polls, was sustained in the election of Friday.

On Friday, a petition bearing 13,000 signatures was sent to the President, protesting against the laying of the cornerstone of the new government building at Chicago, with Masonic ceremonies. The President has approved acts as follows: An act to increase the pension of soldiers and sailors who have been totally disabled; an act providing that all persons who are now entitled to pensions under the existing laws, and who have lost either an arm, or at above the elbow, or a leg, at or above the knee, shall be rated in the second class, and shall receive \$24 per month, provided that no artificial limbs or commutators therefor shall be furnished to such persons as shall be entitled to pension under this act.

The success of the Congress on International Law, called to meet at Brussels is considered very doubtful. At a meeting of the Philadelphia Book Trade Association, Saturday, resolutions were adopted protesting against the enactment of a reciprocity treaty with Canada.

The bill granting relief to Susan B. Anthony was reported adversely and the committee discharged from further consideration. The Conference Bureau bill has passed the Senate and House by a two-thirds majority, and has received the President's signature.

On Tuesday the Senate passed a bill authorizing the coining of a twenty cent silver piece. Congress adjourned at six o'clock. The State Probation Convention at Auburn, Tuesday adopted a platform, and nominated Myron H. Clark for Governor, J. L. Bagg for Lieutenant-Governor and Horace V. Howland for Judge of the Court of Appeals.

The internal revenue receipts for the fiscal year exceeded the estimates of the Commissioners \$160,000. The Pope on being presented with a copy of the address, sent from the United States to Archbishop Ledochowski, spoke very cordially of America, and said the United States is the only country where he is recognized as Pope by the government.

Terrible Catastrophe in a Church. A SYRACUSE CHURCH FOLLOWS WAY DURING A FESTIVAL.

SYRACUSE, June 23.—An appalling catastrophe occurred here to-night at a strawberry festival was being held at the parlors of the Central Baptist church, when, without any premonition, the floor gave way about half past nine, precipitating the room full of people into the story below. The parlor was on the second floor, and the room underneath was also full. The fire alarm immediately given, and the firemen hurried to the scene. Some 10,000 people were there. Five dead bodies have been taken out, and the work has hardly commenced. Probably a hundred persons were more or less injured, many very seriously.

Midnight.—The following were taken out dead: Dr. O. W. Wright, Mrs. E. Austin Barnes, Miss James M. Crow, Mrs. J. E. Kary, Miss Cassie Carpenter, Mrs. Abigail Vedder, of Utica; Miss Grace Holmes, Miss Winnie Collins, aged thirteen; Hattie Leonard, about six years old; John Austin Ostrander, a boy nine years old; Miss Minnie Thomas, Frank Collins, aged 14; Lulu Horton, aged 12. Mrs. Dr. W. Wright was undoubtedly killed. Ex-Alderman Austin Barnes was very seriously injured. Mrs. West reported dead. Rev. Dr. H. Eddy is slightly injured.

LATER.—We learn from the Syracuse Standard (kindly handed us by our station agent, Mr. C. L. Webb), that fourteen persons were taken out dead, and that two more are reported killed. Between fifty and sixty were injured, many of goods adapted to men's and boys' wear. Also a full stock of Ready-Made Clothing.

WE ALL CONSIDER IRON—the embodiment of strength and power, but how few are aware that it is this same element in the system that gives us strength and vigor, and that an insufficiency of it causes weakness and debility. The Peruvian Syrup, a prototype of Iron, is prepared expressly to supply this vitalizing element.

Tooth ache proceeds from ague in the face, operating upon the exposed nerve of a decayed tooth. Rub the gum thoroughly with the finger, wet with Johnson's Anodyne Liniment, heat the face well, and lap a flannel wet with the liniment on the face, also put a little of the liniment into the cavity of the tooth on cotton.

The system frequently gets out of order and should be at once regulated, else other troubles will ensue; when physic is needed take *Parson's Purgative Pills*; they are a safe, wholesome and natural medicine.

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MARRIED:

At Scrba, N. Y., June 18th, 1874, by Rev. J. S. George, Mr. Marcellus D. Fletcher, of Marthaburg, N. Y., to Miss Lavinia M. Davis, of Scrba, N. Y.

DIED:

In South Richmond, May 22, Mr. Joel Tubbs, aged 66 years 3 months and 20 days. He died a Christian.

COAL:

The following are the prices for coal:

GRATE, 7.00. EGGS, 7.00. STOVE, 8.00. CHESTNUT, 7.50. CHARCOAL, (per bush), 20. Blacksmith's Coal always on hand. All coal must be paid for when delivered. W. P. FLETCHER.

Syracuse Northern Railroad.

GOING NORTH—LEAVE

Syracuse, 4.30. Central Square, 4.40. Albany, 4.50. Hartford, 5.00. New York, 5.10. New Haven, 5.20. Boston, 5.30. Philadelphia, 5.40. Washington, 5.50. Baltimore, 6.00. New Orleans, 6.10. Mobile, 6.20. Savannah, 6.30. Jacksonville, 6.40. St. Petersburg, 6.50. Tampa, 7.00. Pensacola, 7.10. Key West, 7.20.

GOING SOUTH—LEAVE

Sandy Creek, 9.10. Central Square, 9.20. Albany, 9.30. Hartford, 9.40. New York, 9.50. New Haven, 10.00. Boston, 10.10. Philadelphia, 10.20. Washington, 10.30. Baltimore, 10.40. New Orleans, 10.50. Mobile, 11.00. Savannah, 11.10. Jacksonville, 11.20. St. Petersburg, 11.30. Tampa, 11.40. Pensacola, 11.50. Key West, 12.00.

The check in the Superintendent's office at Syracuse is the Standard Time, and will be regulated by New York Central time.

S. N. R. CONNECTIONS.

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Persons whose subscriptions have expired will be notified of the same by an X opposite their names at the top of the paper.

New York Institution Report.

The report of this institution, its fifty-fifth, is quite late this year. It is hardly as interesting as some of its predecessors, though the report of the examination of the High Class will be found very readable. The principal things of things here and there, and the remarks on the importance of drawing to the deaf are especially commended, and he can be forcibly quoted as sustaining conventions of the deaf, about which there was so much discussion last summer and fall.

The report of the directors contains this paragraph, which we quote as an official authority of the cause of the changes to be made next fall:

"In view of the increasing number of pupils in the institution, and the desire of administering its affairs on the most economical basis, the Executive Committee have been entrusted with the duty of devising some plan for reducing expenditures in all departments, and to the Committee of Instruction in joint session with the Executive Committee, the duty of reducing expenses in the educational department. The result of the labors of both committees has been very gratifying, and we hope to show by the end of this year much smaller total of expenditures, with no decrease in the general efficiency of the institution.

The expenditures of the institution during the year have been \$173,425.64, receipts, \$156,827.61; deficiency, \$16,598.03.

As will be seen by the letter of Dr. Peet in the April *Annals*, the educational department has been singled out to furnish a direct saving, and consequently the corps of instructors will be reduced from thirty to sixteen after the first of September next.

The Death of Prof. J. R. Burnet.

We are greatly pained to chronicle the death of John R. Burnet, A. M., for many years a professor in the New York Institution.

We were putting in type, that honored man's manuscript, when we received by telegram from our Associate the following sad announcement: "John R. Burnet is dead." It startled and pained us, and it was some time before we could fully realize that he, from whom, scarcely a week ago, we received a letter in his usual vigorous style, had fallen.

He must have died very suddenly, but in our hurry to go to press, we must wait for a detailed account of his death and a fitting eulogy of his life until next week.

No death of a deaf-mute not connected with the deaf-mute community has ever felt and mourned more deeply than that of our old friend, Mr. Burnet, and we shall ever miss him as a sincere-hearted friend and a popular and valuable contributor. And we are sure our entire community throughout the country will lament the loss of one of the brightest intellects that ever shone in their midst, and one of the best friends and most gifted, genial and kind-hearted men, who always evinced a deep interest in their welfare, and who labored faithfully in their behalf.

The New York Institution mourns the loss of a genuine friend and of an ever-watchful and devoted guardian of its truest interests; the profession, one of the noblest members whose whose whom they knew him well loved to honor, and the deaf-mute press will pay suitable tribute to his memory as a writer.

Mr. Burnet had been making preparations to remove to his farm at Livingston, New Jersey, at the end of this month, and had built a new house, which must be quite near completion by this time, in which to pass the remainder of his declining years.

But for this week we will say that "To those who knew him not, no words can speak; And those who knew him well, know words are weak."

We tender to his relatives, and especially to his bereaved, sorrowing and loving wife, the warmest sympathies and condolences which friends can give.

We append the last private letter we received from Mr. Burnet, as we think our readers will be interested in it.

NEW YORK INSTITUTION, June 14, '74. MY DEAR RIDER:—I have been very busy with teaching and with my new house, which has made me so late in writing the last number. I shall move to my farm the last of this month. I can then write for you, if you wish, as I shall have more leisure. I have at least promise to write often enough to pay for the paper, as I presume you cannot see it free to deaf-mutes out of the state. If you accept this proposal, send your paper to Livingston, Essex Co., N. J. after the last of this month.

I shall be very glad to leave the Institution and retire to my farm, for I think this an unhealthy neighborhood. My health failed last winter; I recovered it on my farm last vacation. Now it seems to be failing again; I trust to recuperate soon on my farm.

Truly yours, JOHN R. BURNET.

Literary Budget.

The Hub city has added a new publication to the already circulating American deaf-mute papers under the title of "The Deaf-Mute," which must be published under the auspices of the Boston Deaf-Mute Library Association for which it is to be used as an auxiliary. Subscription price, \$1.25 a year.

Though not a weekly and devoted exclusively to deaf-mute literature, as we wish it were, we welcome it to our list of exchanges and wish it every success.

Service at Albany.

The July service for deaf-mutes will be held on Sunday, the 12th, instead of the 16th, in St. Paul's Church, at 2 p. m. Rev. Dr. Gallaudet will officiate.

Minor Topics.

In several of the Sunday-schools throughout the Union there are classes of deaf-mutes, conducted by intelligent deaf-mute ladies or gentlemen. Notable among these is the class in a Sunday-school at Troy, New York, under the charge of Miss Elmina D. Clapp, a very intelligent young lady and a graduate of the New York Institution. The class has an average attendance of about a dozen, and they are all much interested in the religious instruction. The Superintendent of the Sunday School, Mr. Dady, with true benevolence and appreciation, has prepared for the special use of the mutes printed formulas, by which the exercises of the school can be followed in union with those who hear. Among the pupils under Miss Clapp's charge is a little girl, barely six years old, and Miss Clapp has made a specialty of her instruction, and with most gratifying results. Her father always accompanies her to church, and seems much pleased at the improvement of his little girl. When she is old enough, she will be sent to an institution for religious instruction. We were in Troy a short time ago, and visited the class on Sunday, and saw a few remarks to the school during our stay, and were much impressed, and shall not soon forget the pleasant time.

Prof. Hyatt, of New York, has lately been giving several interesting experiments in chemistry and natural philosophy to the High Class of the New York Institution. Last Thursday evening, those of the most advanced pupils in the institution assembled in the chapel to see him make experiments with electricity. They had received a sort of introduction to the subject the week before, but were quite unprepared for the brilliancy of the experiments of the evening. The chapel was darkened and lots of beautiful but mysterious phenomena in nature made visible. The action of electricity on some of the elements was especially interesting. The burners were at some distance above the platform, but when the lights were out and the room in need of illumination, there was no difficulty in lighting up, the professor did it by simply touching his electric machine.

Mr. Jacobs, Principal of the Kentucky Institution was in New York recently and made quite a stay at the institution there. He is a very pleasant gentleman and all who know him like him. He spent several days in examining the systems taught in the various classes, and he afforded every facility for pursuing the investigation. We were told that he had it in mind to secure the services of several instructors for his institution, but whether he has done so, or who are the fortunate ones, we have not yet learned.

Alexander Milton died, on last Sunday night, in this village, after a lingering illness. He was a colored man, aged about 65 years, well known in this vicinity, especially in Palatine, his native town, as "ALEX," for the last 30 years. He has always been extensively known as an interesting character, he is deserving of more than a passing notice.

He was a son of Daniel Milton (a colored man) very generally known and distinguished as "Daniel the Weaver," who was also a wonderful character, with wit, musical powers, imitative and mimic faculties, keeping his auditors and spectators in a roar of laughter for hours. Alex was a deaf-mute, and peculiarly inherited his father's faculty of personating the singular characteristics of others, however difficult it might be, even to the preacher and lawyer, almost everybody who knew him will remember. He seemed to have an intuitive power to catch as quick as thought, the awkward angles, actions and manners of many people, to the life and he had possessed the power of speech, he would doubtless have been equally conspicuous in the cognate faculty of mimicry. He was unusually well built, polite and attractive, and being a favorite, would with great ease congregate young and old for his exhibition of fun and merriment, even to the "light fantastic toe."

He was endowed with a brilliant and good intellect, and with speech and education, he hazarded but little in saying that with proper culture and training he would have made his mark among his race. It is now too late to deny that a negro is not imbued with good mental powers, under fair cultivation.

When about eighty years old he went to reside with Garret Nellis, of Palatine, on a farm and labored skillfully and faithfully until 1872, when Rufus Nellis, the son of Garret, removed with "Alex" to Fort Plain—his "home," as one of the family. Here he was buried on Tuesday, very respectfully by the son, on the same lot, in Fort Plain cemetery, with his former guardian and friend. There was appropriate religious service with proper vocal music, performed at the grave and grave by Rev. Mr. Riggs, of the Reformed Church, to a respectable congregation of friends. The funeral was highly honorable, solemn and creditable, and satisfactory to all. His genial countenance, attractive eye and graceful manner, will long be remembered by his numerous friends.—*Mohawk Valley Register*, June 12.

Mr. John Bowden, Jr., and Miss Persis H. Swett, both deaf-mutes, were united in marriage on Thursday last. The ceremony was performed at the residence of Wm. B. Swett, father of the bride, No. 29 Franklin street, in the presence of a large number of relatives and friends. The officiating clergyman was Rev. Wm. W. Turner, of Hartford, Conn., and the nuptial knot was tied in the "sign language," in which the Rev. gentleman is a proficient, as must needs be, after forty years' experience in teaching the deaf and dumb.

We understand that, during the ceremony, a cracking was heard, and the settling of the parlor floor created a small-sized panic for a few moments, the doors and windows being objective points with the more timid and those nearest such outlets; but examination proved no further danger to exist, and, quiet being restored, the ceremony proceeded.—*Mohawk Valley Register*, June 13.

A Tribute to Dr. H. P. Peet.

Deaf, thou hast my heart rejoiced, Dumb, thou hast to me a voice, Friendless, thou to me a friend, Love surpassing even thine own! Friend of man, thy name is blest, Friend of God, behold thy rest!

—New York Report.

Art Instruction of the Deaf.

Proficiency in this respect (drawing), on the part of a deaf-mute, is not to be regarded in the light of a mere accomplishment, having as its object the refinement of his taste and his advancement in social appreciation; nor as a mere resource to increase his enjoyment of nature, and to enable him to preserve mementoes of interesting scenes; but it is a positive element in his intellectual development and in his prospective value to society.

With him the eye performs double duty. Not only does all true conception of the appearance of the outer world come to him through this medium, but also all the information he can receive beyond the narrow limits of his own experience. Whatever, therefore, will enable him to see more effectively must be of incalculable advantage to him. Instruction in the arts of design will do this more efficiently than any instrumentality, as his attention is thus called to proportion, to details and to effects, in a manner the most pleasing and the most likely to produce a permanent impression.

Assimilating, moreover, with the natural modes of thought as distinguished from those acquired by education, and allied to the language of signs which grows out of these modes of thought, these arts have for him a peculiar interest, and beguile him into the exercise of the qualities of patience and perseverance which are to stand him in stead in his encounter with the manifold difficulties which oppose his intellectual advancement.

Ability to use the pencil in this way will be practically useful to him in self-interpretation, when, after leaving the institution, he begins to associate with those who do not understand his signs. If the imperfection of his written phrases, or the dullness or ignorance of those whom he addresses, fail to make it possible to convey an exact conception of his meaning, what could subserve his purpose better than a graphic sketch of the principal features of his communication. * * * A portrait hastily drawn on the thumb of a bank teller, once led to the conviction of an artful forger. What effectiveness would be added to the testimony of a deaf-mute, when this should become vital to an inquiry of importance, if he were able to accompany it with a pictorial illustration.

But it is in the daily occupations of life that he will derive the greatest value from this artistic skill.

The higher his culture in this direction, the greater will be his probability of success, even in strictly mechanical arts. The artist's eye and the artist's hand will give him many advantages beyond mere manual skill in performing certain operations, and he will be more likely to rise as an artisan if the artist's nature has been cultivated within him.

In this connection parents of deaf-mute children are advised to cultivate this taste in them, as far as possible before the sudden tramping of feet in the upper saloon, and feeling the stillness of the machinery, and seeing through a window the rush of the passengers to the stern deck, I apprehended that the boat had not yet reached the pier.

reaching where the people stood, looking down over the railing, I learned that a man had fallen overboard, by accident, they said. A boat was lowered and hastened to the spot where the unfortunate man was seen to sink, while the steamer slowly went back. The excited passengers scanned the river as far as the dim light would permit. The man was nowhere to be seen. The boat moved cautiously round, the men making every endeavor to find him, but all in vain. Some one on the deck pointed to a dark object floating down which resembled a human hand, and it was mere optical illusion. Our hearts were heavy with long suspense and anxiety to rescue our drowning fellow-being.—The shades of night thickened, all nature looked grim, and the straggling trees upon the hills spectral.

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Instruction for Improved Instruction of Deaf-Mutes.

A public exhibition by the pupils of the Institution for Improved Instruction of Deaf-Mutes attracted an interesting throng to Lyric Hall on the evening of May 14. Dr. Mark Blumenthal, M. D., the President of the Board of Trustees, in a few words explained the way in which the children are educated. The pupils are taught to articulate by watching the motions of the lips, tongue and throat of their teacher, which they imitate without knowledge of the sound that they produce. The immense labor and patience required to communicate such a knowledge to a mind which can not be approached through the sense of hearing, can scarcely be conceived.

Professor D. Greengraber, the Principal, examined the classes, ranging from those of only a few months' instruction to those of nearly four years. The more advanced pupils, although unable to hear, can converse intelligently with strangers. By a careful attention to the lips of the speaker, they catch his meaning, and reply without themselves being conscious of uttering a sound. The hand writing of all the pupils is exceptionally good, and some specimens of drawing are really beautiful.

The Institution is at 642 Seventh Avenue, and visitors are invited in the hope that interest will be created that will lead to an extension of its usefulness, as, at present, it is able to accommodate only one-half of the applicants.—*New York Sun*.

MARRIED.

In the Church of The Good Shepherd, Rochester, June 13, 1874, by Rev. B. M. Stone, D. D., Samuel H. Keen, of Syracuse, N. Y., to Mary Halpen, of Rochester.

Mr. Keen is a graduate of the N. Y. Institution, and Miss Halpen, of the Illinois Institution.

The Deaf-Mute Advance, Silent World and Deaf-Mute Journal for publication.

"ARTICLE II, Sec. 2.—As an aid to the object of this society, a standing invitation is hereby tendered to the superintendents and teachers of all Deaf and Dumb Institutions and schools, including also preachers and others of good moral character, to lecture before this society, on the Bible, Religion, Science of Correspondence, Mental and Moral Philosophy, Political and Domestic Economy, Psychology, Phonology, Botany, Geology, Mineralogy, Chemistry, Entomology, Ichthyology, Herpetology, Ornithology, Manology, Astronomy, Mathematics, Natural Philosophy, Ethnology, Philosophy of Health and Diseases, Science of Ethics (taste, &c.), Physics, (natural causes, effects, &c.), Agriculture, Horticulture, Architecture, Landscape Gardening, Art of Teaching, Literature, History, Art, &c., or any proper subject the lecturer prefers."

Should any of you feel inclined to favor us in this way, when you visit or pass through Chicago, during the vacation or at any time, you will do us a kindness by calling on, or addressing to the President of the Society, Mrs. J. M. Raffington, at 231 Walnut St., on the West side of the city, as long beforehand as you can. If you desire to call on her in person you should take the Randolph street cars to Hayne St., and then walk one block North to Walnut St.

The Society holds its meetings in the Chicago Ladies Seminary, on Lake St., opposite Union Park.

MRS. M. A. EMERY, Sec'y C. D. M. S., No. 78 North St., Chicago, June 4, 1874.

Notes of Travel of a Mute Artist.

A MAN OVERBOARD!

DEAR RIDER:—While going up the broad Hudson on board the steamboat Vanderbilt, in June, 1872, I sat with many other passengers on the upper deck, admiring the varied scenery for which the river is justly celebrated. The island, upon which New York City stands, presents a curious and melancholy aspect with its southern shore closely lined with its dreary and gloomy piers, with countless vessels of all kinds moored by them, while beyond are mercantile buildings and factories, unattractive in appearance, but full of busy commercial life, and along its northern part stand, amid forest trees, elegant country seats and institutions, among which is the New York Institution for Deaf-Mutes. Seeing that the city is steadily encroaching on the island, the whole western shore of this island, will, in fifty years most probably, be absorbed in a vast wilderness of houses, may, smoky and noisy factories. But the new boulevards, now in process of construction, may, perchance, preserve the northern part in its original rural beauty, probably with our institution converted into the most fashionable hotel on the whole island.

On the beauty of the country seats and their surroundings in Westchester and Putnam counties, it needless here expatiate.

At about half-past eight it was lovely twilight, and stars, one after another, appeared and twinkled feebly—I, changing to be in a room, was startled by the sudden tramping of feet in the upper saloon, and feeling the stillness of the machinery, and seeing through a window the rush of the passengers to the stern deck, I apprehended that the boat had not yet reached the pier.

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And complete Stock has just been received of GOLD BAR, Decorated and Plain French.

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Which I will sell 20 per cent. cheaper than the same quality can be had elsewhere in Oswego County.

SILVER-PLATED WARE, of ROGERS' Manufacture, sold at the lowest prices. French Blown, Engraved, Cut and American Flint.

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No 3 Jefferson Block, Oswego, N. Y., and filled it from cellar to garret, am now prepared to offer better inducements to buyers than ever before, as I have decided to stay.

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JAMES MCCARTHY, Oswego, May 1, 1874.

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